

Interim Drainage and Transportation Fees Billing Policy

General Information

The Drainage and Transportation Fees were established by the Bryan City Council in 1997. The drainage portion of the fee was established as a means to fund flood studies, address Capital Improvements to floodplains, and assist with the alleviation of non-floodplain (or secondary) drainage issues. The Transportation Fee is the largest funding source for maintenance of the City's street system. The revenue from the Transportation Fee is for street maintenance and repairs on the street system citywide.

The City of Bryan has approximately 646 lane miles of paved streets within its street system. Much of the street infrastructure is old and was not designed for the type and volume of traffic seen today. The City of Bryan's Pavement Management System reports a preventive and corrective pavement maintenance backlog of approximately \$11.7 million dollars as of 2004.

The revenues from the Drainage and Transportation Fee have remained relatively constant at \$1.8 million dollars (combined) since 2000, but operating costs continue to rise. As these costs increase, the amounts of roads we are able to complete with the same level of funding continue to decrease. Without a significant increase, the City's streets will continue to deteriorate at a rate much faster than we will be able to fund repairs. The increase the City Council has approved for the Drainage and Transportation Fees will provide the additional funding needed for pavement preventative maintenance and reconstruction work that are necessary to maintain the street system and will prevent further deterioration of the City's streets.

Interim Drainage and Transportation Fees Structure: October 1, 2004

Since the establishment of both the Drainage and Transportation Fees, the fees have been equally assessed to residential and commercial Solid Waste Customers at \$6.50 (both fees combined) per month. As the Bryan City Council reviewed the funding level of these fees they also weighed the equity of charging both commercial and residential Solid Waste Customers the same rate, while both clearly did not contribute equally on the impact of the Transportation and Drainage Systems. In addition, it was determined many commercial customers were not contributing to either the Drainage or Transportation Fee because they did not utilize the City's Solid Waste services. The Bryan City Council made the decision on July 13, 2004 to assess the fees to all residents and commercial customers within the city limits of Bryan, based on electric customers. The fees for commercial customers would be further broken down into small, medium, and large non-residential customers, based on their impact to the drainage and transportation system. The anticipated roll-out date of this new fee structure will be Summer 2005.

On September 28, 2004 the City Council voted to begin charging an interim fee until such time as the fee structure as described above can be implemented.

The interim fee structure will continue to be based on Solid Waste Customers and will more equitably assess fees based on impact to the Drainage and Transportation Systems. The interim monthly rates effective October 1, 2004, are as follows:

Residential		Commercial	
\$10.00		\$35.00	

If you should wish to contact the City regarding these fees please contact the City Manager's Office at 979-209-5100.